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To Mr. BAVIUS, Secretary to the Society of Grub-ſtreet.

SIR,

AFTER the promiſe, which your old correſpondent DRAMATICUS made to communicate his ſentiments to you on the entertainments of Drury-Lane theatre, I cannot but wonder, that he has offered no remarks on thoſe which have been exhibited there this winter; ſeeing they afford ſo much room for ſatire. I can conceive but one reaſon for his neglect, viz. a juſt contempt: but I think the more deſpicable the entertainments (which is a paradoxical name for *things* which raiſe diſlike) are; the more the managers are liable to reprehenſion for affronting the public.

The laſt, I know not what to call it, which I ſaw there, was intitled *The Boarding-School Romps*; the *ſongs* of which might have been made by a little Miſs, as ſhe was working at her ſamplar; and the tunes ſeem to have been choſen by a pariſh clerk. In ſhort, the tunes, ſongs, dialogue, manners, and fable, would render that perſon contemptible, who ſhould condeſcend to make any obſervations on them, more than *en paſſant*. But what is a moſt ſurprizing circumſtance in this affair, and truly ridiculous, and which itſelf would conſtitute a characteriſtic in a farce, is the folly, aſſurance, and vanity of him that brought it on the ſtage: nor are the maſters of the play-houſe free from this cenſure. In the bills for the firſt night you might have ſeen, *Never acted before, at the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this night will be preſented* THE BOARDING-SCHOOL ROMPS, *&c. written by the author of* THE DEVIL TO PAY. What might a perſon, not well acquainted with our Engliſh Plays, ſuppoſe from hence? He might naturally imagine, that the *Boarding-School Romps* was a new *thing*, written by *Somebody*, who wrote another *thing* called *The Devil to pay*. Now, Sir, permit me to communicate to you what I have learned of the hiſtory of theſe important nothings.

In the reign of king WILLIAM III, a farce of three acts, called *The Devil of a Wife*, was written by JEVON, a comedian; and, in the reign of king GEORGE II, two perſons undertook to turn it into a Ballad Opera, under the title of *The Devil to pay*. Before I go any farther, I will fix a name upon the perſon who ſtiles himſelf author of *The Boarding-School Romps*, and *The Devil to pay*; becauſe it will contribute to my own eaſe in writing; and perhaps to the ſatisfaction of my readers: therefore let us call him FIDDLE-FADDLE-FILCH. When *The Devil to pay* was firſt repreſented, it was in three acts, with a *Prologue*, neither good nor bad, and not written by FIDDLE-FADDLE-FILCH; ſome diverting jokes were added to the old dialogue, and ſome former redundancies were left out, but not by FIDDLE-FADDLE-FILCH; and about half the ſongs were written by him, who made ſome alterations in the dialogue, whom I chuſe to to call SLY-BOOTS. For, you muſt know, maſter SLY BOOTS had a great averſion to the ſcandal, tho' not to the profit: of the latter of which he ſuffered FIDDLE-FADDLE-FILCH to have a greater ſhare than himſelf, for letting all go in his name; for SLY-BOOTS was aſhamed of appearing in it.

After the firſt repreſentation, Mr. TH——— C——B reduced this medley into one act: and, they ſay, the young gentleman has as fine a hand at dramatical amputation, as ever his father had. As it is now acted, four ſongs are in it, which were written neither by SLY-BOOTS, nor FIDDLE-FADDLE-FILCH; two of them, I believe, were written fifty years ago, one beginning

Ye Gods, who gave to me a wife;

the other ending

As we have tarry'd FOR *to drink down the ſun,*
Let us tarry FOR *to drink down the moon.*

I quote theſe two lines, from my remembrance of HARPER's ſinging them, who ſeemed to lay a great ſtreſs on the word *for*. That of the Wife of Bath is in the original play; and the other, as I have heard, was written by our LAUREAT: it is a *Duette* betwixt NELL and the KNIGHT. He ſays, *give me a kiſs*, and ſhe ſays *another, and another*; and ſo on in the ſame *Sicilian* ſtrain.

Notwithſtanding the joint aſſiſtance of all theſe great men, the *thing* is not yet an entertainment, fit for a rational mind: and theſe parts which moſt excite laughter in its admirers are all the original author's, the facetious Mr. JEVON's.

From the hiſtory of *The Devil to pay* return we to the *Boarding-School Romps*; which is an abſtract of a play, called *The Boarding-School*, written by that laughing, ſtammering, ſinging wight, TOM DURFEY of merry memory: for what is neceſſary to be ſayed of *The Boarding-School Romps*, I refer the reader backwards. None of the perſons who had a finger (Mr. CONUNDRUM will think I ſhould have ſaid a *foot*) in *the Devil to pay*, were concerned in *The Boarding-School Rompts*, excepting FIDDLE-FADDLE-FILCH. Now, Mr. BAVIUS, what do you think of this little hero, who, I am informed, can read no language, but Engliſh, and a little Iriſh; and who cannot write either, but by way of tranſcript? What, BAVY, I ſay, do you think of this little hero, who, in the large bills, which ſtare every one in the face, who paſſes through London gates, and in the advertiſements which go through town and country, affirms that the ſame author, who wrote *The Boarding-School Romps*, is the author of *The Devil to pay*; and that he, who is the author of neither, is the author of both? What, I ſay, do you think of his courage in the aſſertion, all circumſtances conſidered; and of his judgment in the choice of two plays, which were written before he was born, and have been always ſince reckoned ſo deſpicable, as to be below all criticiſm? He will, perhaps, next year have acquired a more exalted taſte; and, by the aſſiſtance of a few friends, add ſome *things*, which he will call ſongs, to ETHEREGE's *Man of Mode*, or *Sir Fopling Flutter*, and call it *The modiſh man, or the Fluttering fop, a new Ballad Opera*; and the year after, perhaps, he will add ſome ſtrange out-of-the-way madrigals to ADDISON's *Drummer*, or *the Haunted houſe*, and call it, the *Trumpeter*, or *the Sham ghoſt, a new Ballad Opera*, by the Author of *The modiſh man*, or the *Fluttering fop*. You muſt obſerve, that this ſort of people have as delicate a knack at altering titles, as Mr. C——l himſelf.

Now, Sir, give me leave to be a little ſerious. I really think, and I believe I ſhall have the concurrence of your opinion, that I ſhould have acted beneath the character of a ſcholar, and even of a man of common underſtanding, in ſaying thus much on ſo mean a ſubject, was there not enough of the ridiculous to ſupport it; and did not the ſevereſt part of the ſatire fall on the managers of Drury-Lane play-houſe; who are intended as directors of the moſt polite entertainments, for the royal family, and the public. But this I will venture to ſay, that they who are capable of bringing on ſuch ribaldry and nonſenſe, particularly *The Boarding-School Romps*, ſeem to deſerve no higher ſtation in life, than to be maſters of a puppet-ſhow. — I will ſoon ſend you my remarks on the other entertainments, which have been this winter exhibited at that houſe, and a ſhort account of the management thereof: to which I will add a relation of the various and unexpected means, by which I came to all this uſeful knowledge; the truth of which you may depend on from, Sir,

Your humble ſervant,

February 10. 1733. SOME-BODY.

SIR.

THE merry ballad concerning exciſes, publiſhed in your 160th Journal, has induced me to ſend you the following ſhort letter upon the ſame ſubject; which I deſire you to inſert in your next paper of entertainment.

If I endeavour to convince you, by ſome of the ingenious Mr. OSBORNE's fine reaſoning, that all the clamour againſt the new project, in relation to the extenſion of the exciſe, is unjuſtly grounded, I hope I ſhall incur no diſpleaſure from you, or any perſon elſe. In order to it, I am to tell you, from the report of a worthy member, whoſe word may paſs for authority, that no general exciſe is intended; only the cuſtoms, on the imports of the moſt valuable merchandizes, are to be altered to exciſe, for the prevention of frauds, which are daily increaſing. And is it not very unreaſonable, that our greateſt merchants, who have magnificent habitations, and ſome of them, with their clerks and ſervants, more than fifty perſons in family, ſhould make a vehement out-cry againſt their houſes being viſited, night and day, by the modeſt, virtuous, and gentlemen-like under-officers of the exciſe? Many of whom were reputable foot-men to their honours the commiſſioners, or unfortunately honeſt, broken tradeſmen of the loweſt profeſſions, but genteely educated, and not one ſcoundrel amongſt them: who would only hinder about a quarter of the time of the merchants and their families, and by neceſſary proſecutions for the many ſlips or negligences as to the duties, cauſe ſome to become honourable bankrupts, ſome faſhionably to run away, and others to be exemplarily fined and impriſoned.

Next I am to obſerve, that here will be this further conſiderable benefit to the merchants: As their merchandize pays cuſtom-duties, the law-ſuits concerning them, on any appeal from the determinations of the commiſſioners of the cuſtoms, are to be try'd by judges of the law, and a jury of twelve men ſworn to be indifferent, to the great trouble, delay, and expence of the ſuitors, the appellants; but if all merchandize were to pay an exciſe-duty, they would have a much ſhorter courſe finally to decide their greateſt controverſies, by two or three commiſſioners of appeals, who know more of law in this caſe than our ableſt judges, and have more plain ſincerity than any juries; for they are fine courtly gentlemen, and of conſequence, not only wiſe and learned, but honeſt, good, and juſt; men who would ſummarily ſentence, without the tedious formality of the rules of law, of courts, judges, counſellors, attornies, pettifoggers, jurors, &c. All theſe are needleſs to ſearch out the truth, which lies viſible in a ſmall compaſs; and thoſe excellent ſuper-intendents, who can have no miſt of corruption before their eyes, or any party friends or acquaintance to induce them to the leaſt partiality, muſt neceſſarily be the moſt competent and upright judges. ——— Why then is ſo much clamour made againſt ſuch an excellently well-deſigned alteration of the cuſtoms? I would willingly know the reaſon, why we ought not to ſubmit to it, with eaſe, chearfulneſs, and thankfulneſs.—In the laſt century a ſcheme was propoſed for deſtroying the records of the kingdom, and the higheſt courts of juſtice, and for erecting other judicatures in their ſtead, compoſed of preſidents from among perſons, who by their piety and valour had raiſed themſelves from the loweſt to the higheſt ſtations; and who, being not corrupted with the leaſt tincture of human learning, but endowed with a large portion of divine grace, would have prevented all the inconveniencies of long, tedious, and vexatious law-ſuits, by determining all diſputes about property, in a ſhort, equitable, and final manner, againſt which there ſhould have been no appeal. — But as that glorious project, through the oppoſition of ſome obſtinate men, did not take effect; ſo, poſſibly, the preſent one may be rejected by a majority of diſaffected perſons; to the ſenſible grief and concern of all the honeſt gentlemen of the finances about one hundred thouſand in number, and many others, who wiſh well to an alteration, which would contribute ſo extenſively to the general good and happineſs of the people.

I am, ſir, your humble ſervant,

WILL. TRAFFICK.

EPILOGUE *to the* Eunuch *of* TERENCE, *acted by the king's ſcholars, Feb. 6. before the gentlemen educated at Weſtminſter-ſchool, being the day of their annual feaſt.*

OF old the Romans acted comic plays,
Alike on funeral, and on feſtal days.
And here, tho' mirth ſhould all our ſouls employ,
And our glad genius give a looſe to joy;
Grief ſtill intrudes, ſince he muſt diſappear,
Whoſe mourn'd departure claims a duteous tear.
Beneath whoſe care theſe walls compleatly roſe;
Whoſe art each ſecret grace of TERENCE ſhows:
A glory Latin Ædiles never knew,
To build their theatres, and actors too.
How ancient bards and orators could ſoar,
Much taught his precepts, his example more.
Oft as th' Election's yearly pomp diſplays
His weight of ſenſe, and elegance of phraſe;
Rapid, yet pure, the torrent pour'd along,
Smooth as the Roman, as the Grecian ſtrong.
Let neighb'ring tombs his matchleſs ſtyle declare,
More worth than all the ~~neighb~~'ring ſculptures there: *mould*
That bids the buried live by ſkill refin'd,
In each diſtinguiſh'd feature of the mind:
From whence e'en SOUTH ſtill brighter finds his name,
And his own BUSBY deigns to borrow fame.
What ſcholar, great, and grateful, as thou, FREIND,
Thy worth to future ages ſhall commend?
Not BUSBY's ſelf in equal height maintain'd
The ſchool, where half a century he reign'd.
Daily, through FREIND, her ſwelling numbers roſe,
The hate, — but more the envy of her foes.
Forgive the laſt reſpect to him we ſhow:
To ~~him~~ *whom* in virtue train'd ourſelves we owe.
If ought too much his nicer judgment ſees,
'Tis thus, thus only, that we would diſpleaſe.

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But all beſides our duty muſt approve,
The ſons, and patrons of the place they love:
And tho' ſmall praiſe our mean performance draws,
Will crown our maſter's *exit* with applauſe.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Courant.*
P. *Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
E P. *Evening Poſt.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 8. Yeſterday being aſh-wedneſday, the right rev. the lord biſhop of London, dean of the chappel, preached before their majeſties. *C.* — Before her majeſty, the duke, and the five Princeſſes. *D J.*

The ſame day the hon. Will. Finch Eſq; brother to the right hon. the earl of Winchelſea, embarqued at Greenwich for Holland, as envoy extraordinary to the States General. *P. D P. D J.* — This morning the right hon. the lord viſc. Howe ſet out for Portſmouth, in order to embark for his government of Barbadoes. *D. P.*

General Wade is made governor of Fort-William in Scotland. *L E.* — Col. Jackſon, deputy-governor of Portſmouth *S J.* — Mr. Hall, treaſurer and receiver of the land-tax for Weſtminſter. *D P.*

On tueſday Char. Fitzroy Eſq; maſter of the king's tennis-courts, was unanimouſly choſen member for Thetford. *D P.* — Sam. Sandys Eſq; is choſen chairman of the committee relating to the charitable corporation. *S J.*

The members for Warwick have received a letter from that borough againſt the extenſion of the exciſe. — The town of Bideford in Devonſhire have ſent one to the ſame purpoſe. *D J.* — We are well aſſured, that the reaſon why Rippon ſent one to their members, was from a perſuaſion that an exciſe was to be laid upon ſpurs. *C.* — *This would increaſe the demands for them: for more* under-ſpur-leathers *would require more* ſpurs.

On tueſday night Sarah Malcolme, being examined a ſecond time before Sir Ric. Brocas, ſigned the following confeſſion, That ſhe and Mary Tracy, with James and Tho. Alexander, had contrived that the ſayed Tho. ſhould conceal himſelf in the chambers, and let in the others; which he did about two on ſunday morning. At their entrance the maid awaked, and ſcreamed out; whoſe throat they cut directly, and then diſpatched Mrs. Duncomb, and the other, Then they began to plunder, and found upwards of 300l. and much plate, &c. which they amicably divided. She ſays ſhe was not concerned in the murder, but ſtood as a watch upon the ſtairs. *C.* — *I ſuppoſe, ſhe meant*, was not concerned *at* the murder.

A few days ſince died at Foxcot in Warwickſhire, in his 70th year, Francis Cannings Eſq; — On monday at Hoddeſdon, Capt. Swall, *D P.* — Yeſterday morning Mrs. Anne Forfeit, in her 26th year, a maiden lady of 17,000l. fortune. *P.*

Died at Edinburgh in January, men 42; women 77; children 68; ſtill born 3: in all 190. Increaſed this month 96. *D J.* — Chriſtened in London laſt week males 192; females 202; in all 394. Buried males 537; females 629: in all 1166. Decreaſed in the burials 422. *S J. L E.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 9. Yeſterday his majeſty was pleaſed to appoint Rob. Reeve Eſq; to be one of the judges of the court of common pleas. *D P.* — Reeves. *D J.*

The ſame day the houſe of peers finiſhed the cauſe between the biſhop of Ely and Dr. Bently; and a conſultation was ordered to go againſt the Doctor for ſeveral of the articles exhibited againſt him. *D J.* — *It is generally thought* the Dr. *will eſcape this* conſulation.

Yeſterday the coroner's inqueſt, having heard the confeſſion of Sarah Malcolme before Sir Ric. Brocas, brought their verdict *Wilful murder* againſt her, Mary Tracy, Tho. and James Alexander. *C. D P.*

Yeſterday died at his chambers in Lincolns-inn, Richard Turner Eſq; formerly an eminent Turkey merchant, worth 12,000 l. *per ann.* *C.* —— In Coney-court Grays-inn, reckoned worth upwards of 100,000 l. and ſo nicknam'd Plumb Turnor; the bulk of which goes to Sir Edw. Turnor of Biceſter in Oxfordſhire. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 10. On thurſday night the coroner's inqueſt, brought in their verdict *Wilful murder* againſt Sarah Malcome only. As to the confeſſion ſhe has made, they could take no cognizance of it. *D J.* — This morning Tho. and James Alexander, and Mary Tracy were taken and examined before Sir Ric. Brocas, but would make no confeſſion; and were committed to Newgate. *W E.* — There was but 54 l. taken out of Mrs. Duncomb's chambers, whereof 53 l. 11 s. 6 d. was found upon Malcome in Newgate; who is therefore ſuſpected to have charged theſe three perſons falſely. *S J. Feb.* 12.

We hear that her majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to remit a large ſum to the poor proteſtants of Saltsburgh. — That an import of 6 s. 8 d. per gallon will be laid on all foreign brandies. — That eight houſes are to be taken down in Pall-Mall, to furniſh a proſpect to the prince of Wales's houſe, where a bowling-green is to be made, &c. *S J.*

The members for the county of Salop. and town of Shrewsbury, have received a letter from thence againſt the extenſion of the exciſe laws in any ſhape whatſoever. *L E.* — *Extract of a Letter ſent by the corporation of Colcheſter,* &c. Trade has long labour'd under many diſcouragements, not to call them oppreſſions, in reſpect of the laws of exciſe. Leaſt, contrary to the concurrent ſentiments of perſons of all denominations, any one ſhould be ſo forgetful of his duty to his country, as to attempt the laying on any new exciſe, in any form, we hope, nay, we expect you ſhould oppoſe it to the utmoſt, as an affair dangerous to the very being of parliaments. *S J.*

Yeſterday —— Binyan Eſq; ſet out for Dover, in order to embark for his government of Fort St. George. *P.*

Yeſterday the ſhop of Mr. Gurney a quaker in the Strand, cutler to his majeſty, was robbed, by a woman in a riding-hood, of a ſhew glaſs. *P.*

The ſame day died in Maddox-ſtreet, William Lethieullier Eſq; *P. D J.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 12. Yeſterday the right rev. the lord biſhop of Oxford preached before their majeſties, the prince, and the three eldeſt princeſſes; and the rev. Dr. Croxall before the duke, and the princeſſes Mary and Louiſa. *D J.* — His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. the lord Hinton, eldeſt ſon to the earl of Powlett, to be lord of the bed chamber, in the room of his grace the duke of Hamilton. *P. D P.* —— On ſaturday the rev. Dr. Lewis, miniſter of Kew, kiſſed the king's hand, on his being appointed reſidentiary canon of Windſor. *D P.*

Tho. Pullen Eſq; is appointed, by the earl of Burlington, cheif clerk of the peace for the Weſt-riding of Yorkſhire. *P.* — The rev. Mr. Lancaſter, A. M. chaplain to his royal highneſs the prince, was created a doctor of the civil law by his grace the lord archbiſhop of Canterbury. *D P.*

Mr. Pultney and Mr. Pope were in the pit at Covent. garden play-houſe, on ſaturday laſt, at the repreſentation of the opera of *Achilles*, writ by the late Mr. Gay. They were in the houſe before any body elſe was admitted. Sir Will. Wyndham was alſo preſent at this performance; but notwithſtanding the countenance given to it, there was ſo much obſcenity and ſcurrility in it, that it raiſed a general abhorrence in the audience. *C.* — Mr. Conundrum *ſays, he ſhould be apt to think* Mr. Pultney *and* Sir William *private friends to the* gayeties *of* popery, *did he not ſuſpect the former part of this paragraph to be falſe, becauſe he knows the latter to be ſo.*

Laſt night one Tomkins, a ſmuggler, was taken in his bed, in Rotherhith, and committed to Newgate. *C. D P.*

On ſaturday night about 12 died the right hon. the lord Harold, only ſon and heir to his grace the duke of Kent. *P.* — About four in the afternoon. *S J. Feb.* 13

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 13. Laſt week Mrs. Bromley was decently and privately interred at St. Margaret's Weſtminſter; and we hear that the money uſually laid out in pageantry has been diſtributed to the poor of her pariſh; and it were to be wiſhed, that inſtances of this nature were more common. *D J.*

Yeſterday Will Rayner, convicted for publiſhing *Robin's game*, or *Seven's the main*; was committed priſoner to the king's bench, till next term, when he will receive judgment. *D P.*

On ſunday, as two perſons were bringing to town, their legs tied under the horſe's bellies, they were reſcued between Kenſington and Knightsbridge, by ſix perſons arm'd with cutlaſſes, piſtols, &c. *D P.*

The mayor, aldermen, principal merchants, and traders of Cheſter, of all Parties, have united in a letter to Rob. Groſvenor Eſq; requeſting him ſtrenuouſly to oppoſe any extenſion of the exciſe laws. — The principal inhabitants of Colcheſter tell their repreſentatives plainly, that they inſiſt upon it, That they ſhould uſe their utmoſt efforts in oppoſing it, as they will anſwer it to God, their conſcience, and their country. *L E.*

Dekiſer, alias Cæſar, the German, who is ſuppoſed to have murdered Mrs. Burnel, was this morning apprehended in Angel-Alley Biſhopgate-ſtreet, and ſome of the goods found in his cuſtody: he was committed to Newgate. *W E.*

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 14. Laſt night his excellency count Kinski, embaſſador extraordinary from his imperial majeſty, arrived at his houſe in Hanover-ſquare. *C. D P.*

Yeſterday ſir Francis Child held a wardmote at St. Brides, when Mr. Robinſon delivered in ſo large a liſt of bad pollers on Mr. Fawconer's ſide, that Mr. Fawconer, after he had given as much trouble as poſſible, was not willing to give any more, and ſo flung up the ſcrutiny; whereupon Mr. Robinſon was declared. *D P. Common-council-man of Farringdon without.*

Laſt night the dutcheſs-dowager of Marlborough lay at the point of death. *D J.* — Her grace is in as good health, as ſhe has been for many years, and has had only a ſlight fit of the gout. *W E. Feb.* 13.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

OUR ſociety, out of their great reſpect for the fair ſex, ordered ſome articles, which nearly concerned their own intereſt, to be poſtponed, that there might be room for the following Remonſtrance.

THE *humble* REMONSTRANCE *of the ladies in and about the cities of London and Weſtminſter, in behalf of themſelves, and all the female bodies corporate in Great Britain, plainly laying open the many great inconveniencies, to which their boroughs in particular will be ſubject, from any further extenſion of the laws of exciſe.*

We the wives, widows, and ſpinſters, of London and Weſtminſter, and the ſuburbs thereof, being greatly alarmed at the rumour of a general exciſe, intended to be layed on all commodities, beg leave, with great humility to remonſtrate, That we ſhall labour under very great inconveniencies, and even impoſſibilities, unleſs our particulars are excepted.

I. By the laws of exciſe we ſhall be obliged to make an entry of the houſe and place, where our commodities are kept; ſo that our chambers will ſcarce ever be free from the viſits of the officers, whenever they think convenient to make a rummage.

II. To keep books of accounts of all tranſactions is altogether impracticable, particularly to thoſe who cannot write.

III. If we are obliged to take out Permits, whenever we have occaſion to remove our commodities from one place to another, it will be attended with the greateſt difficulties imaginable: and it will be found very troubleſome, hindering the diſpatch of buſineſs, by reaſon, that chapmen muſt go often away unſerved, Permits not being at all times to be obtained.

IV. That if our veſſels are to be gauged, and in a proper manner, it is humbly preſumed, that there would not be found a ſufficient number of perſons equal to ſo great a work, unleſs the ſtanding army were disbanded; which is a point not to be inſiſted on, by reaſon of the great uneaſineſs it would create among his majeſty's ſubjects.

V. We humbly conceive that the inſtruments made uſe of in the preſent method of gauging, would be by no means ſuitable to our veſſels: ſo that there would be a neceſſity for intire new tools, which muſt put the government to very great expence; a matter carefully to be avoided.

VI. We have very good reaſon to believe, from mature conſideration, and a ſtrict examination among ourſelves, that the inſtruments of the officers would be often ſo very much damaged, if not intirely ſpoiled, that the government's expence in repairing them, would amount to as much as the money ariſing from this new impoſition.

VII. We apprehend, with great terror, that it may be very much in the power of evil and wicked officers wilfully to ruin us, by having at the end of their dipping-rods ſomething that may very much hurt, if not intirely ſpoil our veſſels, and occaſion continual leakage; a caſe that has happened to others, and may probably fall upon us, not having it in our power to refuſe an entry.

VIII. The ſtatutes now in force againſt adulterating theſe commodities, lay ſuch heavy penalties on the adulterer, that it may be preſumed none will be found hardy enough to break through ſuch wholeſome laws; eſpecially when they conſider the ſeveral terrible examples that have happened of late years.

IX. We humbly conceive, that the chief deſign of the intended extenſion of the exciſe, is to prevent the running of the commodities aforeſaid; which may be intirely done by ſuppreſſing the hawkers, who infeſt the ſtreets, night and day, impudently offering their damaged ware to every one, to the great detriment of the fair trader.

Therefore we humbly hope, as the honour, dignity, and intereſt of this nation, depends on the uſe of our commodities, that every member will vigorouſly and ſtrongly oppoſe any thing that may tend to our diſadvantage.

At the Theatre-Royal in Drury-lane, on thurſday the 8th day of march, will be preſented The Hiſtory of King Henry the VIII. for the benefit of Mrs. Booth: In which Mrs. Porter will perform the part of Queen Katharine.

On J. M. *Alchymiſt.*

CHymiſt profund! Adept! how great thy ſkill?
One ſtroak of thine, will either ſave, or — kill.
Whilſt low mechanics uſe a common fire,
The flames of knowledge all thy works inſpire.
Stir but the coals — Thy compoſition's ſuch,
That flames immediate kindle at thy touch.
Shew but thy face — Fire ſhines upon thy chin:
Speak but three words, — it ſparkles from within.

S. S.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 9. *Berlin, Feb.* 7. The king of Poland being arrived at Warſaw, in going to his appartment, ſtruck the toe of his diſtempered foot ſuch a blow, as ſet it a bleeding, and his majeſty fainted away. This being followed by a fever, and the ſore mortifying, his majeſty died of the ſame, on the 1ſt inſt. between 4 and 5 in the morning. *C.* &c. — In his 63d year. *D f.* — He was elected king June 17, 1697. He has left only one ſon, Frederick-Auguſtus. *C. Feb.* 12.

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